

Dear Commissioners:

Stop hidden phone fees so I can truly compare prices of phone services. I support the petition filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and endorsed by other consumer advocacy organizations. CG Docket No. 04-208, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, is long overdue.

Phone bills should be truthful and easy to understand. BECAUSE THIS AND OTHER HIDDEN ITEMS FROM DIFFERENT COMPANIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED WE AS HARD WORKING AMERICANS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY EXTRA ANYTHING. ITS ALWAYS THE CEOS AND THE PEOPLE THAT RUN THE COMPANY THAT COME UP WITH THEIR OWN RULES ON HOW THINGS SHOULD BE AND WE HAVE NO SAY. EVEN IF YOU SPEAK UP IT STILL DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD. I PAY ENOUGH BILLS TO BE SUBJECTED TO HIDDEN FEES & HIDDEN AGENDAS. YOU CAN'T EVEN LIVE. LIKE LANDLORDS THAT DON'T KNOW HOW THEY HAVE IT MADE 12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR!! AND DO NOTHING FOR YOU OR YOUR PLACE OR THE PROPERTY AND STILL GO UP \$20.00 EACH YEAR FOR WHAT? TO PAD THEIR POCKETS THAT'S WHAT. IT BOILS DOWN TO THE ORIGINAL QUESTION STOP HIDDEN PHONE FEES TODAY.. THANKS.

Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. These add-ons make the advertised price of service significantly less than the amount of the check I have to write each month to pay the bill. Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices when shopping for service.

Many states are stepping up to address this problem. They should be allowed to proceed. However, the FCC shouldn't shirk its responsibility, nor limit states from doing more.

The FCC should immediately grant the NASUCA petition to investigate billing practices, and prohibit phone and wireless companies from imposing separate monthly fees, line items or surcharges unless expressly mandated by law or the charge is expressly authorized by a governmental authority.